

Accreditation to the ISO/IEC 17025 Standard

Progress to date on the Cooperative
Agreement

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The Labs

- FDA is working with laboratories using funds under the CoAg
 - 31 state labs (currently 30 labs)
 - In 2015, 6 food and 20 feed testing labs were awarded funding to obtain accreditation
- APHL was awarded monies to support accreditation in collaboration with AAFCO and AFDO
 - 16 original ad-hoc labs
 - AZ, NE obtained accreditation
 - AR already accredited when assigned
 - 4 now part of 2015 cohort (CO, WY, AL, NV)
 - Now working with 9 ad-hoc labs



We can help more labs!

- Looking to expand our reach to see how they can fit into one of the Associations for lab support
 - Fertilizer programs
 - FIFRA Testing
 - Rad Labs



Subcommittees, Work Groups, etc.

- Food and Feed Testing Subcommittee
 - Charged with gathering and disseminating resources
 - Discussions about accreditation status and current needs, sustainability, and successes
- Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) Lab Sciences Workgroup
 - Food/Feed Testing Laboratories Best Practices Manual (Draft)
- Data Acceptance Workgroup
 - Best Practices document/checklist



The Work Continues

- GOODSamples
 - Published in October 2015
- Development of a Laboratory Curriculum Framework for Governmental Food and Feed Testing Laboratories

Resources

- Food and Feed Testing Accreditation Discussion Board
 - On-line forum for the exchange of information related to becoming accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard
 - Open to state and local food and feed testing personnel
- Accreditation Resources
 - Public-facing site
 - Members only restricted site

Resources

Food and Animal Feed Laboratory Accreditation

Accreditation Resources

For Food and Animal Feed Laboratories Only

SAVED TOPICS: [Accreditation](#), [Food Safety Labs](#), [Member Resources](#)

Member Only SOP

- [4.11 Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action](#)
- [4.14 Internal Audits](#)
- [4.15 Management Review](#)
- [4.3 Document Control](#)
- [4.6 Purchasing Services and Supplies](#)
- [5.2 Training and Competency](#)
- [5.4 Validation-Verification](#)
- [5.4.6 Measurement of Uncertainty](#)
- [5.5 Equipment](#)
- [5.6 Traceability](#)
- [5.9 Control Charting](#)
- [5.9 Proficiency Testing](#)
- [FDA ORA Documents](#)
- [Master Lists](#)
- [Quality Manuals](#)

Member Only SOP

4.11 Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action

- [4.11 APHL Root Cause Corrective Action, April 12, 2013](#)
- [4.11 FL admin 061-7dl-uncontrolled](#)
- [4.11 FL CA 663, March, 24, 2011 QAU](#)
- [4.11 FL CA 674, May 4, 2011 LW](#)
- [4.11 FL CA 681, June 1, 2011 M December 7, 2011](#)
- [4.11 FL CA 692, June 2011 M 9511](#)
- [4.11 FL CA695, July 6, 2011 M](#)
- [4.11 FL CA 698-071111-Mol, August 21, 2011](#)
- [4.11 FL s03011 9dl uncontrolled](#)
- [4.11 ORA Laboratory Manual Volume II, Corrective Action Procedure](#)
- [4.11 MT PDP QC 2R v5, Corrective Action](#)
- [4.11 NC Nonconformity Report](#)
- [4.11 NC PD-QMS.009 Control of Nonconformities and Corrective Action v4](#)
- [4.11 ORA Laboratory Manual Volume II - Corrective Action Procedure](#)
- [4.11 Root Cause Presentation, A2LA](#)
- [4.11 TX M0036 Improvement and Preventative Action Procedure](#)
- [4.11 Revised FL CA Log](#)

Training

- Available on the APHL.org website
 - Over 15 webinars have been posted
 - Provided training to more than 800 participants
- New for 2015-2016:
 - Basic QMS webinar series / New-hire ISO/IEC 17025 Training
 - Addition of Feed Laboratories and additional Food Laboratories under cooperative agreements
 - Federal Quality Managers being engaged as speakers
 - 2016 Laboratory Accreditation Meeting in conjunction with the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA)-
 - February 1-4, 2016 in Louisville, KY

What's next?

- Sustainability!
 - Currently in Y04 of the 5-year CoAg
 - What happens when funding goes away?
 - How will labs continue to sustain and/or expand accreditation
- National Plan
 - Focus on sustaining accreditation beyond the CoAg



Success Stories

- How has accreditation impacted your laboratory?
- Lab Matters Articles, APHL Lab Blog, posters/presentations
- Focus on the value added



THANK YOU

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